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Note verbale dated 5 June 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to report that the Government of the Slovak Republic has expressed the wish to become a member of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Slovak Republic has always been fully committed to the aims of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Slovakia is a party to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951 and the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees of 1967.

The Slovak Republic attaches great importance to supporting the activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and is dedicated to improving the situation and safeguarding the rights of refugees through international and regional cooperation, as well as at the national level. The Government of the Slovak Republic is convinced that its membership in the Executive Committee would further strengthen the efforts of the international community in enhancing the status of refugees globally.

The Government of the Slovak Republic hopes that the Economic and Social Council will give favourable consideration to the request of the Slovak Republic to become a member of the Executive Committee, and that it will recommend to the General Assembly that it enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee.

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